



MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 6, 1918.

CHARGES that the administration is making use of federal patronage for the purpose of promoting the Taft campaign for the presidential nomination are flying thick and fast. Numerous instances are being mentioned to prove that offices are being peddled right and left in the interests of Taft, and backers of other candidates assert that the situation is fast becoming scandalous. The thing that has brought matters to a crisis is the report that Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock is to manage the Taft campaign in the East and South, with headquarters at Washington. In his capacity as distributor of postoffice patronage for the States that have no republicans in Congress, Mr. Hitchcock has been corraling delegates from the southern States, obtaining entire control of the delegates from that region. It is the belief that the Taft people have captured not only Mr. Hitchcock but John G. Cappers, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who is another power in the South, that has started the friends of other candidates talking. Certain rumors and stories that have been repeated in more definite shape. A United States Senator is responsible for the statement that in Congress a resolution will be introduced demanding to know whether the civil service regulations regarding political activity are being violated by the Assistant Postmaster General and quoting from newspaper reports to show that Mr. Hitchcock has been lining up delegates.

It is stated that the plan of the New York organization leaders is that the "Big Four" to be elected by the republican State convention will be Elihu Root, Secretary of State; George B. Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury; ex-Governor Frank S. Black and Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the State committee. If this slate stands it leaves "outside the brackets" those national convention veterans, Senators Thomas C. Platt and Chauncey M. Depew. The ten or a dozen men who control the republican organization in New York are chary of saying why the slate leaves Senators Platt and Depew off the list, but when pressed they admit that neither Senator is likely to go as delegate at large. The explanation is that a new political generation is in control of affairs in that State, a new page has been turned, and many "old, familiar faces" will not be seen as often as formerly in high places in republican national conventions. Certainly times change. A few years ago a republican national convention without Thomas C. Platt as one of the managers would have been like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out.

According to the statistics collected by the Chicago Tribune, the sum of \$148,902,180 was given away for the good of mankind during the year 1907. Of this amount, educational institutions received \$70,915,542; religious institutions, \$9,343,892; museums, art galleries and public improvements, \$17,247,400, and libraries, \$2,943,000. The heaviest donors were John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage and Andrew Carnegie in the order named, although there were more than a dozen others who gave amounts above \$1,000,000 each, and it is noted that over \$30,000,000 of the total sum was contributed by women.

THE TOWN of Christiansburg has sold its electric light plant and the new owners will at once form a company for the purpose of operating it. A dispatch from there says the council has been relieved of a great burden as in this instance. Municipal ownership has been a most expensive luxury, and, after seven years' experience, the council is thankful to have disposed of its electric plant. Municipal ownership failures are becoming common occurrences.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, D. C., January 6.

Among the visitors here today was Mr. J. S. B. Thompson, of the Southern Railway Company, formerly of Alexandria, but now of Atlanta.

Mr. Bascomb Slem, the new republican member of the House from the Ninth Virginia district, took the oath of office today. He was escorted to the Speaker's stand by Congressman Lamb, of the Richmond district, and took his seat on the democratic side, as there was no room for him on the republican side.

In the House today Mr. Carlin introduced a bill to provide for a new superstructure for the Aqueduct bridge over the Potomac river; also bills for the relief of the heirs of J. D. Rawlings, Gordon Jones, administrator of the estate of W. M. Jones, and Elias E. Conner, estate of Mary C. Conner.

The President this afternoon gave out the letter from Admiral Brownson, resigning as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and which resulted in the severe exhortation of the admiral published this morning by the President. The letter says in part: "The recent order placing a medical officer in command of a hospital is in my opinion,

and, as I have endeavored on several occasions to point out to you, clearly opposed to the intent of the law, is a radical departure from established naval usage, and is fraught with danger to the efficiency of the fleet will tend, I believe, to break down the military spirit of the service, and shows a want of your confidence in my advance regarding a matter so vital to the best interests of the service. I am left, therefore with no alternative but to tender my resignation as chief of the bureau of navigation much as I regret to sever my active connection with the service to which I have been devoted and to which I have given my best efforts for over forty-six years."

The President's answer to this letter was as follows: "Sir: I accept your resignation to take effect immediately. You will this afternoon turn over your office to your assistant, Capt. Winslow, informing him that he is to act until such time as your successor is appointed and qualified."

The need of more officers and men in the army, and the reasons for the increase in the number of desertions and the decrease in enlistments, are the subjects of an earnest discussion by Secretary of War Taft, in his annual report, submitted to the President today. The present enlisted strength of the army is 50,190 while the authorized strength is 63,861. During the year there were 4,522 desertions. The Secretary declares that the situation is "so serious in its ultimate consequences, as to compel careful consideration and prompt remedial action." Another need is that of an increased number of officers, says the Secretary. He shows that in the past year, 13.45 per cent. of the general and staff officers, and 27.45 of the line officers had to be detailed for special service other than their regular duties. He approves a recommendation of the general board, that there be an addition of 612 officers to the number already authorized by law. Another important recommendation is the organization of a general service corps, to include wagon masters, engineers, firemen, teamsters, blacksmiths, laborers, etc. This would relieve the regular enlisted men of the performance of many non-military duties that are now required of them. He approves also the estimates for the construction of batteries in the coming year, made by the National Coast Defense Board, of \$6,000,000 for Manila and Subig Bay; \$1,000,000 for Honolulu and Pearl Harbor and \$1,000,000 for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil Company today asked permission of the U. S. Supreme Court to file a brief in the case of the Great Northern Railroad, being argued this afternoon before that tribunal, testing the legality of provisions under the Elkins act, which were begun after the passage of the Hepburn railroad rate law. The Standard holds that the validity of the famous \$29,000,000 fine assessed against it by Judge Ladd will be nullified by the decision. The Standard's attorneys also say that tomorrow they will apply to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the seventh circuit, where the matter of the fine is being reviewed, to certify the case immediately to the Supreme Court of the United States. Legal giants were pitted against each other this afternoon when the Great Northern case was called. Counsel for the road represented arguments against the decision of the lower courts granting the Great Northern guilty of granting rebates. Attorney General Bonaparte and his chief assistant, M. B. Purdy, the administration's "trust buster," appeared for the government, contending that the Hepburn rate law did not repeal the provisions of the Elkins law, under which the road was prosecuted.

Former Representative John Newton Williamson, of Oregon, will not have to serve his sentence of ten months in prison for land fraud conspiracy, the judgment of the lower court being reversed today by the U. S. Supreme Court. The U. S. Supreme Court today declared unconstitutional the "employers liability act," passed by Congress in 1906, at the solicitation of the President. By this law, it was sought to abolish the doctrine that the responsibility of a fellow employee for an accident, relieved the employer from suit for damages for the death or injury of another employee. The U. S. Supreme Court is to examine into the principles that Secretary Taft, when he was a federal judge in Cincinnati, laid down in his "strike injunction decision." The bringing of the case at this time may have some political significance, in view of the campaign the American Federation of Labor is waging against Mr. Taft as a presidential candidate. The case came before the Supreme Court today, through the application by labor unions of San Francisco for a review of the judgment of Judge Morrow, of the Federal Court of California, who issued an injunction prohibiting the Sailors Union, The Firemen Union and the Marine Cooks and Stewards Association, their officers or members or any one acting for them, from interfering with the operation of coasting vessels against which a strike was in force.

The federal grand jury today indicted on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, Edwin M. Van Dyck, until recently chemist and ink maker at the bureau of engraving and printing, and Victor G. Bloede, ink manufacturer, of Baltimore. It is alleged that the two men co-operated in the securing by Bloede of government contracts for "hard black" which amounted in five years to half a million dollars and that Van Dyck received as commission \$75,000.

S. Davis Warfield, of Baltimore, and R. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, Va., were today appointed by Chief Justice Claiborne receivers for the property of the Seaboard Air Line Company in the District of Columbia. They furnished bonds in the sum of \$15,000 each.

Although the text of the tariff agreement between France and the United States has not been formally agreed upon, it is understood that in substance negotiations have been concluded practically and the document itself will be ready for signatures within a few days.

Mr. Tsunejirō Miyokaki, counselor of the Japanese embassy and charge d'affaires during the absence of Ambassador Aoki, today denied the report that orders had been issued for the reserves of the Japanese army, necessitating the return of many of the Japanese now on the coast to Japan.

The President today transmitted to Congress a message recommending the

enactment of a law for the taking of the next federal census by persons selected in accordance with the civil service rules. The President desires that the temporary force of 4,000 additional clerks who will be employed in Washington in connection with the census to be removed from the "spoils system."

The new financial bill which is to be recommended by the Senate committee on finance has been agreed upon by the republican members and will probably be introduced in the Senate tomorrow by Mr. Aldrich.

The President said today that he had decided to appoint George W. Wamsley, appraiser of merchandise at New York.

A bill, abolishing the present Isthmian Canal Commission July 1, of the present year, and giving the President absolute control in the management of the canal zone, with instructions dig a lock canal, was introduced in the House today by Mr. Mann, of Chicago.

Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations, is confined to his house with an attack of grip.

All day yesterday a constant stream of people passed the door of the late Dr. Stedford. A guard of honor of 100 men kept watch over the body last night. Hundreds of clergymen from all points are on the way to the city to be present at the requiem mass tomorrow morning. P. J. Halligan has been selected as marshal for the funeral cortege and placed in charge of the admission tickets to the church.

A further moderate demand upon National Banks for government money is imminent. Secretary Cortelyou has the subject under consideration. It is believed that within a week he will decide how much money he needs and from what banks it shall come. The treasury's working balance now approximates \$10,000,000.

News of the Day.

M. Gude has been chosen as the new Norwegian Minister to Washington.

Prince Helle de Sagan has decided to sue Count Boni de Castellane for 20 cents damages, charging assault.

Frederick Whitridge was today appointed receiver for the Third Avenue Railroad Company in New York.

The will of Baroness Adolphe de Rothschild, who died November 18 last, donates over \$1,600,000 to charity.

Catholic clergymen in the Pittsburgh diocese will soon be ordered to refuse to marry any person outside of their own parish.

The criminal court of Paris has set January 21 for the hearing of Prince Helle de Sagan's suit against Count Boni de Castellane.

Bishop Canavin, of the Pittsburgh Diocese, has issued a letter stating that Catholic children must attend the parochial schools.

A special bulletin, with photographs, accompanies a War Department appeal to Congress to provide for better horsemanship in the army.

Commander Harry H. Hoxley, of the United States navy, who took the dry dock Dewey from this country to Manila, died suddenly today in New York.

The Paris correspondent of the London Chronicle says it is rumored that Count Boni de Castellane will shortly marry Mme. Gould, who divorced him some time ago.

A special dispatch from Vancouver, British Columbia, says that hundreds of Japanese ex-soldiers now in Vancouver have received orders from the Mikado to return to Japan at once.

The jewelry belonging to Mrs. Lena Whitmore, found murdered in Lamp Black Swamp, N. J., has been found in a saloon frequented by her husband who is under arrest for the murder.

Mrs. Fannie C. Chapman, wife of Dr. Pearson Chapman, died at her home in Hartford county, Md., yesterday. She was the daughter of the late Jacob Jackson and Susan Michael Jackson.

Two large frame storage houses of the W. J. Lemp Brewing Company and five freight cars were destroyed by fire in St. Louis early today. Loss \$100,000. The buildings covered five acres.

Another mysterious "ripper" crime was committed last night in a Berlin suburb. A four-year-old girl was the victim. She was stabbed exactly as were the children slain similarly last July.

Frank Smith was fatally hurt at Cumberland Md., today, when a huge "turtle back" engine, used in helping trains up grade, exploded while he was at the throttle. Smith was thrown many feet. The fireman was in the tower and escaped injury.

With impressive services and addresses by prominent Hebrew divines, the new Adath Israel Synagogue, at Sixth and I streets northwest, Washington, was dedicated yesterday. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendez, of New York.

In behalf of the movement to reduce the cotton acreage and control prices, a meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Protective Union will be held in Memphis on Tuesday, when the plan evolved at a recent meeting of the directors of the organization will be discussed and acted upon.

The fight of the growers of tobacco in Kentucky and Tennessee against the American Tobacco Company, which has resulted in rioting, bloodshed and the burning of the company's warehouses, has led to conferences between a representative of the company and the growers, and the dispute has been transferred to the heads of the company in New York for consideration.

A great deal of comment is being raised throughout Europe by the recent utterances of the Pope on government, which tend to show that the sovereign pontiff holds extremely undemocratic views. He said, for instance, in his recent address to the members of the anti-slavery congress at Rome: "A government, in order to govern well, must be despotic and tyrannical."

The backbone of the miner's strike seems broken at Goldfield, Nev. It is hoped that all mines will be in full operation within ten days. The bills are full of miners applying for work, and they are deserting the Western Federation by the score. They intend to be taken for work before their places are filled by imported miners. The owners are employing former federation men along with those imported.

After a trial on charges of insubordination and incompetency in progress for about eight weeks, Dr. William E. Chancellor, superintendent of public schools of the District of Columbia last Saturday night was adjudged guilty by the board of education of ten of the fourteen counts, and dismissed from office. A. T. Stuart, director of intermediate

instruction, and formerly superintendent of schools, was appointed superintendent.

Little Egypt, the original Little Egypt, the dancer who was a guest of Herbert Barum Seely, grandson of the showman, when Capt. Chapman made his sensational raid at Sherry's a little over ten years ago, was found dead yesterday in her apartments on the top floor of 226 West Thirty-seventh street, New York. Investigation showed that she was asphyxiated and that death took place two days before.

While skating on Hedden's pond, in Jamaica, L. I., yesterday afternoon, Wm. Stecher, jr., sixteen years old, went through the ice. His brother Francis, three years older, tried to help him out, but the ice broke again and he went in, too. Joseph Piercy, a seventeen-year old friend of the Stecher boys, who happened to be passing the pond, heard their cries and rushed out to help them. He was sliding cautiously toward the hole when, for a third time, the ice cracked. All three were drowned.

There is a persistent rumor in London that Count de Castellane and Mme. Anna Gould will be remarried. The latter refuses to deny or confirm the report.

Virginia News.

The Japanese theater at the Jamestown Exposition grounds was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Mr. Luther Glascock has sold his home in Marshall, Fauquier county, to Mr. H. Maddox.

Mrs. Amelia A. Campbell, widow of John Campbell, died Friday at her home near Leesburg, aged eighty-five.

Rev. Dr. T. C. Darst, of St. Mark's Church, Richmond, has declined a flattering call from St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro, N. C.

W. W. Brand, the oldest native-born citizen of Charlottesville, died yesterday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Roy H. Carter, in his eightieth year.

Fine herring very much like the spring fish, but which the dealers say are winter herring, are being caught in small quantities in Nomini and other tributaries of the Potomac.

Mr. E. G. Spilman, son of Judge E. W. Spilman, of Warrenton, has been appointed assistant attorney general of the new State of Oklahoma. Mr. Spilman has been a resident of the southwest for several years.

Mr. A. P. Gray, of West Virginia, will soon become a resident of Fauquier county, as he has purchased a fine farm of 525 acres of Mr. T. L. Funkhouser, near Calverton, Fauquier county, paying \$10,000 for same.

Capt. John R. Harmer, for many years prominent in business in Winchester, died at his home Saturday after an illness of three years, aged seventy-five. Capt. Harmer served in the Confederate army as a member of Company A, Thirty-ninth Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade. He was former captain of the Winchester fire department.

The murder of Mrs. Mary Lawless Rorschach, wife of Lieut. Frank Rorschach, U. S. N., still baffles the detectives and government secret service men. The jury of inquest, after an adjournment since last September, held another session in Portsmouth, Saturday, and heard new evidence behind closed doors. Another adjournment was taken without a verdict being rendered or any arrest being made.

Taylor Yancey was shot and instantly killed by Frank Young about midnight Friday, at a festival held at Mount Oliver Church, some four miles south of Clarksville. The men had some trouble early in the night and later Young returned with a rifle. Finding Yancey sitting in the church, which was well filled, Young opened the door, and leveling his gun at Yancey's head, fired a ball into his skull. Yancey fell over and expired in a few moments. Young's presence was not observed and the report of the gun and Yancey falling over created great excitement.

Fire which started in Petersburg Saturday night in the cellar of the dry goods store of Wood, Westbrook & Co., in Sycamore street, practically destroyed stock valued at \$40,000. Adjoining this store was that of the New York Clothing Company, the stock of which, valued at \$35,000, was damaged by smoke to the amount of \$25,000. On the second floor over the store of the New York Clothing Company, R. H. Mann, Commonwealth's Attorney, had his law office, and his library, valued at \$4,000, was damaged to an estimated amount of \$2,500.

Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Jan. 6.

SENATE.

Congress met today after the two weeks holiday recess.

After a session of less than five minutes, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow in respect to the memory of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, of Florida, who died during the recess. Official announcement of the death was made by Senator Taliaferro, his colleague.

HOUSE.

The most important thing done in the House was the reception of the annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. John Sharp Williams introduced a bill to reduce the standing army of the United States to 55,000 men, of which 10,000 shall belong to the sea coast artillery.

Bascomb Slem (rep. Va.), elected to succeed his father, deceased, was sworn in.

The House, after half hour's session, adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Mallory, of Florida.

THE MARKET.

Georgetown, Jan. 6.—Wheat 98-102.

Kennel's "Fascinating Cough" Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by W. F. Creighton.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear husband and father, ROBERT H. DAWSON, who departed this life January 5, 1907—one year ago yesterday.

We laid him away in his silent grave, With tear-dimmed eyes and broken heart: And little we thought when in life, How soon we had to part.

The one we loved so dearly And tried so hard to save, Lies in the graveyard softly sleeping, Where the flowers gently wave.

By His Wife and Son.

DEE RAY, VA.

For sale or exchange—a new modern six-room house with hot and cold water, suit and enamel bath tub. Apply to EUGENE BUSH, 2912 Fourteenth street n. e., Washington, D. C.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Rent Strike in New York.

New York, Jan. 6.—Miss Phelps Stokes, once Rose Pastor is to take charge of the east side rent strike, according to the leaders of the movement. She is expected in the city from Washington hourly to assume the direction of the campaign.

The strike is taking more and more the aspect of a socialist demonstration. Red banners are displayed with considerable frequency at the meetings and the landlords are making the most of the situation to point to their rivals as enemies of the government.

The strikers deny this absolutely, and the conservatives are doing all in their power to prevent the radicals from weakening the cause by over aggression in their methods.

Legal aid will be supplied the five persons arrested yesterday as a result of clashes with the police at a series of four meetings in behalf of the strike movement. How many were injured by the policemen's clubs in these encounters is uncertain.

A dozen or twenty suffered, and among the policemen a number sustained painful cuts and bruises.

The prisoners are accused of inciting to riot, disorderly conduct and assault. Red flags and what the police considered inflammatory songs started the trouble in most instances. The demonstrators refused to disperse and the use of clubs followed the disregard of orders to scatter.

Evictions began in earnest today. There was no resistance when families were moved from their rooms into the street, but accommodation was found for all of them in most cases in the same houses from which they had just been ejected. It is said at least 400 or 500 families will be ejected before night fall, for refusal to pay rent.

Believe He Had Accomplished.

Harrison, N. J., Jan. 6.—If Theodore S. Whitmore killed his wife and disposed of her body in the Passaic river swamp Christmas night it seems certain that he had an accomplice who aided him. The police are today bending every effort to locate that person. Mrs. Whitmore was a heavy woman, and it would be a physical impossibility for the accused man to have taken her body to the spot where found alone.

New York, Jan. 6.—A boast that he could clear up the Whitmore murder mystery led today to the arrest of Caleb Evans, a telephone operator for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. Evans is held on suspicion and will be closely questioned.

Harry Hendrickson, a friend of the dead woman, who was taken in custody Saturday night, has refused to go to New Jersey, and an effort may be made to have him extradited.

Conditions in Munich.

Munich, Ind., Jan. 6.—Today 43 imported strike breakers left this city for Chicago. The men were dismissed from duty last night. Today the Union Traction Company intends operating its cars regularly and they will be manned by local men, none of whom are strike breakers. Mob rule has been broken. The sight of soldiers bluffed the ruffians responsible for the city being put under martial law. There are two rival labor unions in the traction territory, the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and the Brotherhood of Railwaymen. The latter has been recognized by the company. This union in endeavoring to get men to join it and accept the jobs left open by the strike of Amalgamated men. If so the Munich Labor Federation will approve the action and the strike will end.

Death of a Pilot.

New York, Jan. 6.—Hastening to see his sick wife in New York, Sandy Hook Pilot William Hall was found dead in his berth on the steamship Manchester Castle from Boston early today. It was not Hall's turn to leave the pilot boat when the Boston craft hove to off the lights at last evening, but a fellow pilot exchanged places that he might the sooner reach his wife's bedside. After bringing the Manchester Castle through the channel the pilot turned in and was later found by the steward dead. He probably succumbed to heart disease.

Case Abandoned.

London, Jan. 6.—The perjury accusation against Herbert Druce was formally abandoned today. When human remains were found in the coffin bearing T. O. Druce's name on the plate the interests behind the prosecution said there was nothing to prove that the unrecognizable body was Druce's and that the perjury case would be pushed until such proof was forthcoming. The change in front is generally accepted as foreshadowing the dropping of G. H. Druce's suit for the Duke of Portland's estate.

To Investigate State Bank.

New York, Jan. 6.—Supreme Court Justice Dowling instructed a special grand jury today to investigate every New York State Bank or Trust Company concerning which there has been even a breath of suspicion in connection with the recent crisis. The jury will meet every afternoon under the direction of Assistant District Attorney Kaizer.

Mysterious Death.

New York, Jan. 6.—An unknown woman about sixty years of age was found dead in a basement at 411 West Forty-second street today under circumstances believed by the police to indicate a murder. The woman was poorly dressed in an old wrapper, but wore a hat indicating she had started out on the street. An investigation has been started.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors had badly mixed up over me one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by all druggists, fifty cents.

A Mother's Rash Act.

New York, Jan. 6.—Following a plunge from a fire escape at her home through the window of a neighbor, holding her eighteen-month-old babe in her arms, Mrs. Albee Byrnes, wife of Frank Byrnes, a butcher, is in Bellevue Hospital for examination as to her sanity. Mrs. Byrnes was injured internally.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known. Sold by W. F. Creighton.

The Thaw Trial.

New York, Jan. 6.—The first venire of 100 jurors in the Thaw case was dismissed at the opening of court today because their names had, through error, been published Friday. The second list of 100 was at once summoned by Justice Dowling and they began arriving soon after the first batch had scattered, the grand jury for the January term being changed in the meantime in court 3 where the Thaw trial is to be held, delaying the proceedings until 11:15.

Unless something unforeseen develops, such as a sudden application for the appointment of an insanity commission, illness of defendant or counsel, or some matter that cannot be guarded against there is no prospect of a short trial.

Securing the jury will be a difficult task. That is admitted by all concerned, but Assistant District Attorney Garrison, who is aiding Jerome in procuring, hopes to complete it in a fortnight.

Judge Dowling will aid in this if he does not change his mind, by holding three sessions of court daily, morning, afternoon and night. This will give an extra session daily over last year.

Both Thaw and his wife have changed since the last trial. Prison life has benefited the defendant, who is considerably stouter and in more robust health than when he last faced a court and jury. His wife is more maternally in appearance, having aged perceptibly during the year her husband has been locked up.

There is uncertainty as to whether Evelyn Thaw will again be permitted to tell her story of alleged abuses at the hands of White.

Thaw today expressed himself as confident of his speedy acquittal.

The work of selecting a jury was begun today. This afternoon Justice Dowling prohibited the use of cameras in the court room and declared that any violation of his orders would be construed as contempt of court and the offenders punished.

Probable Suicide.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 6.—Heeding a presentiment yesterday that something was wrong with his 26 year old son Edward, who had left the house in Wales, two hours before, Salesman James H. Walker started in search of the young man. The trail led over the fresh snow for a quarter of a mile to a spot in the woods where the son's dead body was found with a bullet hole in his head. Young Walker had been dependent for some time.

New York Stock Market.

New York, January 6.—There was a good deal of irregularity in the movement of prices in the market during the first hour.

The market increased in strength and activity after the first hour with numerous gains. Northern Pacific midday selling at 124½ against 122 at the opening and Union Pacific from 119½ advanced to 121, the highest price since August for both.

Fire and Loss of Life.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Three lives were lost by a fire which destroyed the laundry at the French Hospital early today. Three bodies were discovered after the flames had been extinguished.

ROOSEVELT vs. BROWNSON

In a letter given to the press yesterday President Roosevelt characterized as "unseemly and improper" the action of his former intimate friend, Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, in resigning the office of chief of the Bureau of Navigation to emphasize his opposition to the principle that a surgeon should be given positive command over a naval vessel, in this case the hospital ship Relief. Admiral Brownson's attitude is arraigned severely by the President, who takes advantage of the opportunity to condemn in scathing terms those officers of the navy suspected of having been responsible for recent articles criticizing the Navy Department's policy of warship construction. No names are mentioned. Another letter from the President, somewhat milder in tone, was made public also. It is devoted to an explanation of the reasons for placing a surgeon in command of a hospital ship. In concluding the letter, the President directs that the decision to give the Relief into supreme charge of an officer of the medical corps be carried out as a general policy with reference to all naval hospital vessels. Both letters are addressed to the Secretary of the Navy.

PROPOSALS.

Office of Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md., January 4, 1918. Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received at this office until 11 a. m., February 7, 1918, for the construction of macadam roads at Fort Washington, Md. Information regarding plans and specifications may be obtained at this office and intending bidders will be furnished them upon depositing the sum of \$5.00 which will be refunded upon return of same. Proposals must be marked "Proposals for Constructing Macadam Roads at Fort Washington, Md." and addressed to the Constructing Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Washington, Md. Jan 6, 7, 8, 9, Feb 5, 6.